(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
51.		Siddhamalli	-do-	0.000
52.		Sholayar	-do-	0.000
53.		Perunchani	-do-	0.000
54.		Manimukta Nadhi	-do-	0.000
		Sub-total: (4)		41,000

Achievement of Irrigation Target of Eighth Five Year Plan

4259. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the irrigation targets for the Eighth Five Year Plan were fixed at 15.80 million hectares;

(b) if so, whether the targets were achieved; if not, the details of targets achieved;

(c) the reasons for not achieving the targets of the Plan; and

(d) the action Government propose to take to achieve the irrigation targets within the timeframe?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Against the targets of creating 15.80 million hectares of irrigation potential in the country during the Eight Five Year Plan, the irrigation potential provisionally estimated to have been created is of the order of 10.70 million hectares comprising 3.08 million hectares from Major and medium irrigation projects and 7.62 million hectares from Minor irrigation schemes.

(c) The reasons for not achieving the targets include (i) financial constraints, (ii) proliferation of projects resulting in thin spreading of resources and consequent time and cost over-runs, (iii) change in scope and design of projects during construction, etc.

(d) In addition, to advising the State Government to provide higher plan allocations for irrigation sector, the Union Ministry of Water Resources has also launched Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme since 1996-97 to expedite completion of ongoing projects which are at the advanced stage of construction and can yield benefits within a short timeframe. The Central sector allocation for Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme has been raised to Rs. 1300.00 crores during 1997-98 from Rs. 500.00 crores during 1996-97.

दिल्ली में भूमिगत जल के स्तर में गिरावट

4260. प्रो॰ विजय कुमार मल्होत्राः क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) क्या दिल्ली में अनेक क्षेत्रों में भूमिगत जल स्तर नीचे चला गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले दस वर्षों के दौरान इन क्षेत्रों में भूमिगत जल स्तर किस सीमा तक नीचे चला गया है;

(ग) भूमिगत जल स्तर में आयी ऐसी एक गिरावट के क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) क्या सरकार के पास ऐसी गिरवट को रोकने की कोई योजना है, यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

जल संसाधन मंत्री (श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र): (क) और (ख) केन्द्रीय भूमिजल बोर्ड द्वारा किये गये